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AND welcome to Pristina for England's first-ever visit to this youthful and vibrant capital city – birthplace of Rita Ora, incidentally – for a game which, if everything has gone according to plan back at Wembley last week, should see us already qualified for the Euro 2020 finals and able to relax and enjoy the atmosphere – and hopefully, as entertaining a game as the one in Southampton in September.

It's a relatively small ticket allocation for us here, just over the minimum of 5% of saleable capacity that UEFA rules say we're entitled to. That's a disappointment for many who wanted to see the game, compounded by the late notice of what the final allocation would be, but it's also a reflection of the huge demand for tickets locally for what is the biggest game they've ever hosted.

Over 100,000 applications are said to have been received for tickets in a



ground that holds less than 13,000, and so we can't really argue with the Football Federation of Kosovo putting their own fans first – it's exactly what we'd expect our FA to do if the roles were reversed.

As always at an England away game, the FSA's fans' embassy is here to offer any information, advice and assistance you might need during your trip.

It's a free and confidential service, and if you need any help, we can be contacted around the clock on +44 7956 121314.

COVER STORY

2019 has been a big year for **Declan Rice**. In January, he turned 20 and scored his first Premier League goal for West Ham; in February, he pledged his international future to England, and he won his first cap in March against the Czech Republic, making the starting line-up for the first time three days later away to Montenegro. Now with six caps to his name, he appears to be claiming a regular place in the heart of midfield.



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EXPECT A TEST

BY CLIVE HETHERINGTON



If it is true that good things come in small packages, then Kosovo's fledgling football side fit the bill.

Before England were made to sweat for their thrilling 5-3 Euro 2020 qualifying victory over Kosovo at Southampton in September, the Balkan country had strung together a remarkable 15-match unbeaten run stretching back almost two years.

That sequence was achieved after they had come from behind to beat Euro '96 finalists the Czech Republic 2-1 here in Pristina.

Yet it was as recently as September 2016 that Kosovo, with a population of around only 1.8 million, played their first competitive match after they had waited eight years to be recognised by UEFA and FIFA as a nation in their own right.

Kosovo's entrance into competition was far from auspicious as they failed to win a game, picked up

only one point – from their opening match in a 1-1 draw in Finland – and finished bottom of the group in their maiden qualifying campaign for the World Cup in Russia.

But reaching the finals of next summer's UEFA extravaganza remains a possibility. Even if they miss out on automatic qualification, Kosovo have the fall-back of a guaranteed play-off place after topping their Nations League group.

Qualifying began for Kosovo with a 1-1 home draw with Bulgaria, Arber Zeneli equalising, followed by the same result on a visit to Montenegro where Milot Rashica struck first.

Then came an impressive 3-2 victory in Bulgaria, with Rashica again netting the opener and Vedat Muriqi scoring as Kosovo came from 2-1 down to win with a stoppage-time effort by Elba Rashani.

Kosovo demonstrated their resilience once more in the defeat of the Czechs, with Muriqi levelling and Mergim Vojvoda grabbing the winner.

Fleetingly, Kosovo were Group A leaders in the wake of that success before England were restored to top spot after beating Bulgaria 4-0.

There were echoes of San Marino's infamous goal against England after only eight seconds in 1993, when Kosovo caught Gareth Southgate's side cold at St Mary's.

Centre-back Michael Keane's mistake after just 34 seconds let in Valon Berisha to score the first of his two goals on the night and Muriqi converted a penalty as Kosovo rallied from 5-1 down at the break to make it a contest.

But Kosovo had to settle for a 1-0 friendly win at home to minnows Gibraltar, Florent Hasani scoring in the 68th minute, then beat visiting Montenegro 2-0 with goals by Amir Rrahmani and Muriqi, before travelling to the Czech Republic ahead of England's arrival.

And here at the Fadil Vokrri Stadium, named after the man regarded as the founding father of Kosovo's national side, England can expect a test.

>> CLIVE'S VERDICT

Kosovo 2, England 3

This is England's first visit to Pristina, but if their maiden encounter with Kosovo at Southampton's St Mary's Stadium in September is anything to go by, it could prove a challenge. Goals are virtually guaranteed.

The Three Lions' 5-3 win in the first meeting, when Kosovo won the second half of the game 2-0, showed that our hosts are not afraid to attack, even if it means being vulnerable at the back.

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>> KOSOVO – THE KEY THREE by Joe Hetherington



VALON BERISHA

Having scored twice against England in the first encounter between the nations, Berisha will be aiming to terrorise the Three Lions' backline once again. At club level, the midfielder has been struggling for game time at Lazio and there have been rumours that he could soon be returning to his former side, Red Bull Salzburg. He made 20 appearances for Norway before he opted to play for Kosovo in 2016. Perhaps surprisingly, the 26-year-old has scored just three senior goals for the two countries, his only other strike coming against Finland on his debut for Kosovo.



VEDAT MURIQI

Currently Kosovo's top goal-scorer, Muriqi is an old-fashioned target man who thrives on aerial deliveries into the box. The centre forward is into his fifth season playing in Turkey, and he is now one of the leading lights at Fenerbahce. The 25-year-old has been in fine form this calendar year for his country having already scored past Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Montenegro and, of course, England. Manchester United, Tottenham and Napoli have all been accredited with an interest in signing him in the past few months. Like many in the Kosovo team, Muriqi represented Albania at youth level.



ARIJANET MURIC

On loan with promotion hopefuls Nottingham Forest and arguably one of the most promising young goalkeepers playing in England. After a few shaky performances, however, Muric has lost his Forest place to Brice Samba and will see the game against England as an opportunity to recapture his form. The 20-year-old featured regularly during Manchester City's League Cup triumph last season, though Ederson was chosen ahead of him in the final. Born in Switzerland, the towering keeper is a former Montenegrin Under-21 international and made his debut for Kosovo in 2018.

By repute, Vokrri – who died in June last year at the age of 57 – was Kosovo's finest player and it was he who became president of their football federation the day before the country declared political independence from Serbia.

Kosovo still bears the scars of the war in the region more than 20 years ago, but football has played a part in the healing process.

There is no lack of pride and fervour, both on and off the pitch, with demonstrative Swiss-born coach Bernard Challandes the embodiment of Kosovo's spirit.

England found out all about it in one of the most entertaining encounters the Three Lions have featured in for some time.

Southgate admitted: "It was a bizarre game really. There were poor errors for goals, but I was really pleased with the composure we showed to come back from the early mistake.

"There was some devastating attacking play throughout. I thought our forwards were a huge threat and we used the ball generally really well. The outstanding parts of our play were obvious – and the errors were obvious."

Kosovo's Sheffield Wednesday striker Atdhe Nuhiu, an unused substitute against England, admitted to disappointment that the match was not at Wembley.

He said: "Obviously, when you play England you think of Wembley.

"I have been there once with Sheffield Wednesday, so it would have been great for the others to have experienced it.

"But they are still young players, so maybe they can achieve that. Wembley is being used in the Euro 2020 finals – so maybe then!"



SCOUSE PHIL'S FREE LIONS KOSOVO MUSIC QUIZ

ANSWERS
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It is said that Kosovo takes its name from the Serbian words Kosovo Polje, meaning 'field of blackbirds', so in celebration of this fact, Scouse Phil has provided us with a music quiz in which every question, or answer, features the name of a bird.



Question 2:
Taylor Swift



Question 5:
Marion Cotillard

1 'Hotel California' was a famous hit for which American rock band?

2 Taylor Swift was named after which American singer songwriter and guitarist, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000?

3 Featuring Norman Cook, better known as Fatboy Slim, on bass, which band had Top Three hits in 1986 with 'Happy Hour' and 'Caravan of Love'?

4 'Albatross' was the only Number One by which famous UK band who had countless other hits including, 'Go Your Own Way', 'Rhiannon' and 'Tusk'?

5 Which French singer, portrayed by Marion Cotillard in the film 'La Vie en Rose', was known by the nickname 'The Little Sparrow'?

6 Which Liverpool band had a Top Ten hit in the 80s with the song 'Wishing (If I Had a Photograph of You)'?

7 'Blurred Lines' was a massive 2013 hit for which singer,

whose first name is also the name of a common garden bird?

8 Kid Creole and the Coconuts had a 1982 Top Ten hit with which song, the title of which means 'a police informer', or 'someone acting as a decoy'?

9 Which female American singer, born in Missouri in 1962, has had UK hits including 'All I Wanna Do' and 'If It Makes You Happy'?

10 'Take time for your pleasure and laugh with love', are the first lines of which 1982 Number Two hit by Madness?

FSA FANS' EMBASSY

A REGULAR feature of all England away games for the last twenty years or so, the Football Supporters' Association's fans' embassy service will be on hand in Pristina to offer any advice, information and assistance that you might need to make your trip go smoothly.

Subject to securing official permission from the mayor of Pristina, the fans' embassy will be based in the pedestrianised area at the end of **Boulevard Mother Teresa**, beside the **Grand Hotel Pristina** (pictured).

We will be operating on the afternoon of **Saturday 16th November**, and then on match day



(Sunday 17th November) from 10:00 through to about 15:00. We will of course be contactable around the clock via the helpline on +44 7956 121314.



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WELCOME to Pristina, capital of Kosovo and venue for the final game in our Euro 2020 qualifying campaign.

There is a lot that is unusual about this particular occasion. Kosovo is one of the youngest footballing nations England have ever played; it was only three years ago that the Football Federation of Kosovo was admitted into membership of UEFA and FIFA and allowed to compete internationally in their own right.

And the chances are that the people of Pristina will offer us possibly the warmest welcome we've ever received as a nation playing abroad.

There is a huge reservoir of affection for the UK among the Kosovan people which dates back over twenty years to the brutal Kosovan war, in which more than 13,000 lives were lost and which left thousands more displaced.



The war was fought over 15 months in 1998-99 between the country's Serbian government and an Albanian resistance, and ended only after a decisive NATO intervention on the side of the Albanians.

The then UK prime minister Tony Blair played a key role in persuading his NATO allies to send troops onto the ground in Kosovo,

an act that gave rise to a strong sense of gratitude and support from the Kosovans towards the UK and its people.

That support was reflected in a sudden surge in the number of Kosovan children being named 'Tonibler' and is likely to be further expressed in a warm welcome to England fans here for the game.

TICKET COLLECTION

ONCE again it's 100% collection for ESTC members here in Pristina, which means that every individual must collect their own ticket in person. Remember to take up-to-date photo ID with you, and it will speed up the process if you can remember the name of the member who purchased the tickets for your group, to help the FA staff locate yours more easily.

The ticket collection point in Pristina is in the **Sirius Hotel on Agim Ramadani** in the city centre (pictured). The ticket collection point is accessed by a door down the left-hand side of the hotel on **Tringe Smajli**.

The hotel is within easily manageable walking distance from the stadium.



Tickets will be available for collection between 16:00 and 18:00 on **Saturday, 16th November**, and between 12:00 and 17:00 on match day, **Sunday 17th November**.

Please note that as the collection point is close to the stadium (it's maybe a 15-minute walk at most), there will be no further ticket collection facility at the stadium.



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THE STADIUM

FORMERLY known as the Pristina City Stadium, the venue for our final Euro 2020 qualifier was renamed the **Fadil Vokrri Stadium** on 9th June 2018 to mark the death of the former player and then President of the Football Federation of Kosovo.

The stadium was originally built in 1951 and has been home to FC Pristina since 1953. UEFA contributed to its refurbishment in 2018, and in September last year the ground hosted its first official

international match, a Nations League League D Group 3 match against the Faroe Islands.

The stadium has an athletics track around the pitch, and only one covered stand. The capacity for our game is recorded as 12,684, and the English FA have been allocated 752 tickets in sector J1 in the south-east corner.

Since its redevelopment, the ground now boasts four gates with a total of 22 turnstiles – and 198 CCTV cameras.

FADIL VOKRRI

FADIL Vokrri played for four seasons for FC Pristina in the early 1980s before joining Partizan Belgrade and subsequently playing in France and Turkey, scoring a total of 121 goals in 363 club appearances to go with six more goals scored while winning his 12 caps for Yugoslavia.

When Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia in 2008, Vokrri was elected as president of the Football Federation of Kosovo. One of his first acts was to apply for membership of FIFA, but that application was rejected, and it was not until May 2016 that was admitted into membership of first UEFA and then FIFA.

THE Fadil Vokrri Stadium is located right in the centre of the city, just five minutes' walk from the pedestrianised **Mother Teresa Boulevard**, and about ten minutes' walk from the ticket collection point at the **Hotel Sirius**.

On foot is the way to do it, especially if you're spending the afternoon before the game in one of the many watering holes in the city centre. If you're coming from further afield, then taxis in the city are reasonably priced.

On 9th June 2018, Vokrri suffered a heart attack and died suddenly.

Later that same day the mayor of Pristina renamed the stadium in his honour; the following day Vokrri was given a state funeral, with the occasion designated a national day of mourning by the President, Hashim Thaci.



GETTING THERE

GROUND RULES

KICK-OFF is scheduled for 18:00 local time and the gates will open two hours earlier, at 16:00. England fans should enter via the gate at the south-east corner of the ground to access block J1 where we're due to be located.

There will be a visual ticket check on the way to the ground, and then a full body search by stewards accompanied by uniformed police just before the turnstiles. The searches will of course take time, so arriving well before kick-off is advised; we have been warned that the search regime will not be relaxed in the event of people arriving late, and it's a long way to come to miss the start.

The usual list of prohibited items will apply, so that's no guns or knives, but also no bottles, cans or umbrellas. Musical instruments also feature on that list, but sadly an exception has been made for the England band. Only small bags will be allowed in – the new standard restriction of bags the size of an A4 piece of paper or smaller has been mentioned – and there will be no facilities for the storage of any items deemed impermissible.

Flags up to 2m x 1.5m in size will be admitted. It was agreed in principle that early access to the ground for people wanting to hang their flags might be possible,



but no details had been finalised at the time that Free Lions went to press, so it might be worth contacting the fans' embassy to confirm arrangements. Be aware that the England sector is entirely uncovered; you might want to consider dressing accordingly.

Black market trading in tickets is illegal in Kosovo. England fans in possession of a ticket for 'home' sectors of the stadium will not automatically be turned away, but should their presence in the ground give rise to any problems, they will be ejected, and possibly held by police until the end of the game.

There will be alcohol on sale in the ground (and, we believe, reasonably priced too, at around €2); on the other hand, we have also been warned that very drunk fans will not be allowed in. Smoking is not permitted.

Normal practice here is for visiting fans to be held back at the end of a game for a maximum of 20 minutes, and if that happens, announcements will be made over the loudspeakers in English. If the atmosphere pre-match has been as positive and friendly as everyone has predicted, then it is likely that the holdback will be dispensed with and we'll all be allowed out together.



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>> GETTING AROUND

AS mentioned a few times now, the city centre of Pristina is easy enough to get round on foot, but as a number of the newest hotels are outside the city centre, it's worth noting that the taxis are pretty cheap.

Make sure that the meter is on before your journey starts. Buses are even cheaper, and there is now a new hourly bus service between the city centre and the airport, picking up at the **Mother Teresa Cathedral** and beside the **Newborn Monument**.

i TIPS

- It is a legal requirement to carry **photo ID** with you in Pristina; technically your passport is required, but a driving licence or even a photocopy of your passport's personal details page will normally do.
- It is **permitted to drink alcohol** in public, on the streets (although when prices are as cheap as they are in the bars, we're not quite sure why you'd need to).



i THINGS TO SEE AND DO



Ninth Ugliest Building in the World, 2009

THERE isn't an abundance of obvious sightseeing destinations in Pristina, and the architecture is a curious mixture of styles.

The city centre is compact enough to allow most things to be visited on foot, which makes the **Pristina Free Walking Tour** a great option for anyone who wants to see the city. Tours depart every day at **11:00** from outside the **National Theatre** (next to the **Swiss Diamond** hotel), no booking is required.

The Mother Teresa Cathedral is a relatively new building, inaugurated in 2010, and for €1, you can access the top of the bell tower, which offers great views over the city and down **Bill Clinton Boulevard** in the direction of the **Bill Clinton Statue**.

Just across from the cathedral is an award-winning building that has to be seen to be believed. **The**

National Library of Kosovo. Now that sounds great, until you learn that the award it won was for being named the ninth ugliest building in the world in 2009, despite boasting 99 white domes said to represent the hats of traditional Albanian national costume.

Running it close in the ugliness stakes is the **Pristina Sports Hall** (left) which overlooks the football ground; it's clearly seen better days as it looks a bit run down and semi-derelict now, although it's still in use. Even in its prime though, it must still have been an ugly monstrosity.

Apart from the **Clinton Statue**, there are a couple of other monuments worth checking out: the **Newborn Monument** (basically big concrete letters spelling out Newborn), and the **Heroines Monument**, made out of 20,000 medals to commemorate the estimated 20,000 Kosovan women raped during the Kosovan War from 1998-1999.

✂ EATING & DRINKING

PRISTINA is starting to develop as a tourist destination, and already the city centre seems very different from the harrowing war-torn scenes that dominated the television screens in the late 1990s.

It may not be the prettiest city you'll ever come across, but it has a youthful population and a vibrant café culture: Kosovans boast that their capital has the 'best coffee in the world'.

In the centre of town is a long pedestrianised street called **Mother Teresa Boulevard**, and along it, and in the streets off either side of it, are a number of cafes, bars and restaurants. This area is also within easy



Heroines Monument

walking distance of the ground, and close enough to the ticket collection point. Worth a visit here is the **MIQT Taverna**.

Regular readers of Free Lions will be either devastated or delighted to learn that we failed to find a thriving Irish pub in Pristina, with **Paddy O'Brien's** having closed down, but **The Beergarden Pub** at **Fehmi Agani 51** is recommended by ex-pats living here.

Despite an announcement a year ago that **McDonald's** were planning to open their first restaurant in Kosovo, we couldn't find any trace of it; there are two

branches of **KFC**, but they're outside the city centre, the nearest one being at the **Albi Mall**.

There's plenty of traditional Kosovan and Albanian food available though; we can recommend **Liburnia** at **Meto Bajraktari 21**, and **Soma Book Station** at 4/A **Fazli Grajqevci**.



Quiz Answers

- Football Quiz (Page 16)**
1. Dynamo Dresden 2. Qatar 3. Brighton (Seagulls), Crystal Palace (Eagles), Newcastle (Magpies) and Norwich (Canaries) 4. Bournemouth (The Cherries) 5. One - Harry Kane v Bulgaria 6. Oxford United 7. Kosovo 8. Hillsborough, Old Trafford, Villa Park and Wembley 9. Hearts 10. Tim Flowers
- Music Quiz (Page 6)**
1. The Eagles 2. James Taylor 3. The Housemartins 4. Fleetwood Mac 5. Edith Piaf 6. Flock of Seagulls 7. Robin Thicke 8. 'Stool Pigeon' 9. Cheryl Crow 10. 'Wings of a Dove'



CUT OUT THE CANCER OF RACISM

BY CLIVE HETHERINGTON



THE methodical dignity of Gareth Southgate and his England players achieved more than one victory on their tempestuous trip to Bulgaria.

In implementing the first two stages of UEFA's three-step protocol to combat racism, England proved it is possible to beat the bigots as well as the opposition on the pitch.

The Three Lions' 6-0 Euro 2020 qualifying romp came about in testing circumstances, but the protocol was used to telling effect.

When the game was stopped by Croatian referee Ivan Bebek in the 26th minute, the stadium's public address warned that if the racist calls did not cease, the match would be "suspended or may be abandoned".

Two minutes before half-time, after the warning was ignored, the

game was halted again in line with the protocol. A hard-core group of fascists, who made monkey chants and Nazi salutes, then made their way out of the stadium. Talk about a walk of shame – not that they would know.

Play resumed after England decided to see it through to half-time – and ultimately, they stuck it out to the bitter end despite further racism in the second half. At that point, there was a strong case for the third step to be enforced and the match abandoned.

Yet Bulgaria coach Krasimir Balakov seemed to be in denial when he initially insisted he hadn't heard the abuse from the mindless element.

In the aftermath of it all, he issued an apology, but by then the president of the Bulgaria Football Union, Balakov's former

international teammate Borislav Mihaylov, had been forced to resign and the union's offices raided by police.

Bulgaria were charged by UEFA – for what it was worth – and Balakov himself eventually fell on his sword. Arrests of terrace culprits were made, but it was like closing the stable door after the horse had bolted.

UEFA's supposed punishment was to order that Bulgaria's home qualifier with the Czech Republic be played behind closed doors – with the threat of a further stadium ban suspended for two years – and a paltry fine of around £65,000 for "the racist behaviour of its supporters and the throwing of objects". Typically toothless.

But even the English FA didn't get off, with a £4,314 fine for fans booing Bulgaria's national anthem, as home supporters did ours which resulted in an £8,629 hit for the hosts.

The bottom line is that the Bulgarian authorities were completely complacent about the likelihood of racism on England's visit, even though a section of the Vasil Levski Stadium was closed because of similar incidents in games with the Czechs and Kosovo.

UEFA should have been much tougher and expelled Bulgaria from any further involvement in Euro 2020 (they could still qualify via the play-offs) following the Czechs'

visit, and kicked them out of the next Nations League and Euro 2024, too.

Nothing of what occurred in Sofia came as a surprise to former Watford and England striker Luther Blissett, who spoke from personal experience of hostility in Bulgaria.

And he maintained that the Bulgarians should be banned from competing against foreign opposition at both international and club level.

Blissett said: "Back at the end of the 70s, early 80s, when I played for England Under-21s in Bulgaria, I remember lining up in the tunnel before we walked out and I was opposite one of their centre-halves and another defender, and they were calling you these names all the time.

"You don't want to react because you're representing your country and I wouldn't want to do anything that would disgrace playing for England. So you put your head down and focus on the game.

"But it shouldn't have to be that way. If you had that at work, it would be dealt with straightaway. Footballers go out on the pitch and they're at work and they shouldn't have to put up with that sort of nonsense.

"That's why the strongest possible measures should be taken. I think England have now made a real statement with what they did,

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being the first major country to threaten to walk off and having the game stopped twice.

"I think they probably should have (walked off). Once the second half started, the moment it flared up again with a few people – a lot of people say it was only one or two, but it doesn't matter, racism is racism, abuse is abuse – we probably should have walked off the pitch. That's when football pales into insignificance.

"The governing bodies have a responsibility to all of us to do something about it. A couple of seasons ago, you had FIFA saying racism is no longer a problem and yet this continues happening.

"We've already had Bulgaria having to play the game against England in front of a half-empty stadium because of previous incidents.

"I really don't understand how anyone can say they didn't hear it and they weren't expecting it. This country (Bulgaria) needs to be completely banned from playing international football, and I'm talking about at club level as well as international level.

"You go back to what happened with England's club sides being banned from playing in Europe after the Heysel incident. It made a significant difference and we made a lot of changes.



"We were banned from Europe for a long time and we learned a lot from that. We also fell back from where we at the time as a footballing country, so I think that sort of sanction needs to be brought in."

Former Sunderland captain Gary Bennett, a patron and ambassador for anti-racism educational charity 'Show Racism the Red Card', also suffered racist abuse during his career.

He said: "What are we doing about racism in terms of punishment? Whether it's the FA, the Premier League, UEFA, FIFA or whoever, they need to do more.

"It's every day now in football. What's going to happen if somebody ends up getting attacked? If somebody is racially abused and retaliates, they're in the wrong. Something is going to happen – then fingers will be pointed."

We can only hope it doesn't come to that. But will the custodians of football ever have the courage to impose the draconian measures required to cut out the cancer of racism from the sport?



KOSOVO SQUAD WORDSEARCH



P RINT deadlines once again mean we've had to use squad members from previous games, but that doesn't stop the fun: while away some time by finding the surnames of the Kosovo squad from their October games hidden in the Wordsearch grid.

Samir Anrijanet Visar	UKJANI MURIC BEKAJ	Torino Nottingham Forest Prishtina
Amir Mërgim Leart Fidan Florent Ibrahim	RRAHMANI VOJVODA PAGARADA ALITI HADERGJONAJ DRESEVIC	Hellas Verona Standard Liège Sandhausen Kalmar Huddersfield Town Heerenveen
Milot Valon Bersant Herolind Bernard Edon Benjamin Idriz Anel Florent Florent	RASHICA BERISHA CELINA SHALA BERISHA ZHEGROVA KOLOLLI VOCA RASHKAJ HASANI MUSLIJA	Werder Bremen Lazio Swansea City Välerenga Akhat Grozny Basel Zürich Luzern AFC Eskilstuna Diösgyori Hannover 96
Vedat Atdhe Elba	MURIQI NUHIU RASHANI	Fenerbahçe Sheff Wed Odd

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SCOUSE PHIL'S

FREE LIONS FOOTBALL QUIZ

1 Which German Bundesliga 2 side, famed for its away support, recently took a remarkable 30,000 fans to a second-round Bundesliga Cup game at Hertha Berlin?

2 Liverpool are due to play in the World Club Championship in December, but where is this being held?

3 Which four Premier League teams have a nickname featuring a bird?

4 ...and which Premier League team's nickname is a fruit?

5 How many hat-tricks have been scored by England players so far in qualifying for Euro 2020?

6 The Kassam Stadium is the home ground of which club, currently enjoying a good run in the Carabao Cup?

7 KF Feronikeli are current league champions in which European country?

8 Which four grounds were used at both the 1966 World Cup and Euro 96?

9 At the end of October, ex-Scotland boss Craig Levein was sacked as manager of which club?

10 I was born in Kenilworth, Warwickshire in 1967 and played for various clubs including Wolves, Southampton, Blackburn and Leicester, winning 11 England caps in the 1990s. Who am I?

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